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Sally J. Berens
United States Magistrate Judge

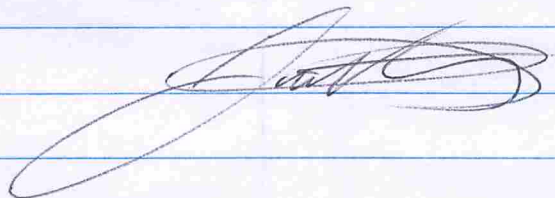
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WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN

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I Travis Gontle JR am suein Vanburen County Jail and staff members Smalls and Johnson for excessive force, mental anguish, pain and suffering, a violation of my fourth amendment right.

On or about the day of October 4th 2022. Sgt. Smalls and Sgt. Johnson restrained me and smashed my head against the ground while I had handcuffs behind my back. I asked who comitted these offenses, and Sgt. Johnson replied "I did". I had a black eye from the situation at hand. They carried me to a restraint chair, and Sgt. Smalls continuously choked me until the point of unconsciousness. When I came to, the officers then continues to rapd their knuckles against my chest that eventually left bruises. I did not recieve any medical treatment. They left me in the restraint chair for 3 plus hours covered in mace. None of this was reported, but there is body-cam footage. I was in cell 7 which has 3 cameras in the room. There is also a camera in the hallway.



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